

HOUSE RESOLUTION 221

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Charles Nelson Steed for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as military and community leaders of whom we can be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable citizen and public servant is Charles Nelson Steed of Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, born on May 11, 1950, Nelson Steed attended Lebanon High School and graduated with honors from Cumberland University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steed co-founded Steed Brothers Contractors, LLP, in 1971, with his brother, Wyndell; Steed Brothers Contractors is a construction services company that provides project management, construction management, general contracting, and design services to industrial, commercial, and institutional entities; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Steed enlisted in the Tennessee Army National Guard in 1971, and he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1976, and was subsequently promoted to First Lieutenant in 1979, Captain in 1980, Major in 1987, Lieutenant Colonel in 1996, and Colonel in 2002; and

WHEREAS, he retired from the Tennessee Army National Guard in 2005, after having served with distinction at all levels, including Company and Battalion Commander; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steed completed numerous military education programs, including the Officer Candidate School (1976), Armor Officer Basic Course (1977), Armor Officer Advance

Course (1982), Unit Commander Course (1982), Inspector General Course (1987), Command and General Staff College (1991), Military Police Officer Advance Orientation Course (1995), Military Police Pre-Command Course (1995), and Force Protection Unit Advisor Course (2000); and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Nelson Steed received numerous medals during his dutiful military service, including the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with one Silver and one Oak Leaf Cluster (1975, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1995, and 1998), Army Commendation Medal (1981), Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass Device (1981 and 1991), Army Service Ribbon (1982), National Defense Service Medal (1992), Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (1996 and 1997), Meritorious Service Medal (1998), and Legion of Merit (2005); and

WHEREAS, during his valiant military service, Mr. Steed fought to preserve the freedoms and principles we all hold dear; and

WHEREAS, a tireless community servant, Mr. Steed has served as a member of the Community Board of Directors for SunTrust Bank in Lebanon, Incorporator and Chairman of the Board of Cedar Stone Bank, Charter Member and Vice President of Wilson County Promotions, Inc., Chairman of the Joint Economic and Community Development Board of Wilson County, Charter Member of the Lebanon Breakfast Rotary Club, Chairman of the Lebanon Board of Zoning Appeals, and President of the Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Nelson Steed is a member of Berea Church of Christ, which he has served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, Nelson Steed always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, Nelson Steed is most thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Emmie Lou; their marriage has been blessed with two children, Connie Jo Massey and Donnie Steed; Mr. and Mrs. Steed are also the proud grandparents of Caleb Massey, Emily Jo Massey, Lily Rose Steed, and Madelyn Michelle Steed; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Steed epitomizes the spirit and character that have earned Tennessee acknowledgement as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Charles Nelson Steed for his dutiful military service with the Tennessee Army National Guard, commend his service to the good people of the State of Tennessee, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.